

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were originally submitted in this application. Claims 12-25 stand withdrawn. Claims 1-11 were acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. No new claim has been added and no claim has been canceled, leaving claims 1-11 for further consideration.

The originally submitted Declaration was found defective. A new Declaration is provided herewith.

The disclosure was objected to because of an informality noted on page 5, line 19 of the disclosure. The matter objected to has been removed by amendment herein.

Claims 6 and 8 were objected to for use of the term "EDP". In each instance "EDP" has been replaced with "Electronic Data Processing". The specification has been similarly amended on page 3, fifth paragraph.

Claim 11 was objected to for duplicate use of the phrase "one of the". The phrase has been deleted.

The drawings were objected to as lacking a showing of reference characters 17 and 18. A corrected drawing sheet is submitted herewith, showing FIGS. 6A and 6B, wherein reference characters 17 and 18 have been added to FIG. 6b and reference character 18 has further been added to FIG. 6a.

Claims 1-6 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0206211 - Baron.

Baron is directed to a method and apparatus for printing and scoring a "media", such as a document or sheet. The sheet can subsequently be separated along the score line. The media is said to be sufficiently weakened by the scoring such that under tensile, torsional, folding and/or other shear forces, the media will preferentially part or tear at the score. The scoring is said to be accomplished by perforating pins that cause a "dimpling" wherein the dimples are close enough together to sufficiently weaken the media for tearing, or folding, though cutting may be required.

Claim 1 has been amended to be limited to "a method for producing blanks from cardboard ... workpieces ... wherein the blanks are cuttingly severed from the

workpieces by selected ones of longitudinal ... and transverse ... cut lines, with a layout of a box structure ...”.

It appears clear that Baron does not provide means or method for producing blanks from cardboard workpieces by cuttingly severing the blanks from the workpieces. It therefore further appears that Baron falls well short of anticipating claim 1 or rendering claim 1 obvious. Claim 1 recites a method for cuttingly severing blanks from workpieces, while Baron is concerned with rendering workpieces weakened along a line and amenable to being subsequently torn or separated.

Claims 2-6 and 11 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1 and would therefore appear to stand well clear of the teachings of Baron.

Claims 1 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,129,040 - Viggiano et al.

Viggiano appears to be directed to an apparatus for applying adhesive to a substrate and does not appear to be concerned with producing blanks from cardboard workpieces, particularly wherein the blanks are cuttingly severed from the workpiece. In view thereof, it appears that claim 1 is not anticipated, nor rendered obvious, by Viggiano.

Claims 7-10 are concerned with the application of adhesive to a blank, but depend directly or ultimately from claim 1 where distinguishing limitations have been noted above. It therefore appears that claims 7-10 should be deemed neither anticipated nor obvious with respect to Viggiano.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1-11 stand well clear of the cited references and are in condition for allowance, which is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



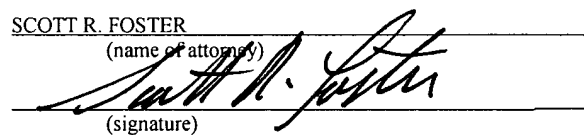
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